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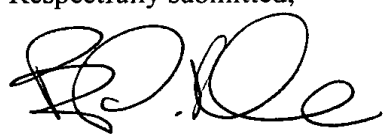
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98 and MPEP 609, and in compliance with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.56, Applicants submit the attached PTO-1449 for consideration by the Patent and Trademark Office in the above-entitled application and to be made of record therein. In accordance with M.P.E.P. § 609, Applicants have not submitted copies of the listed references because such references were submitted with the parent application (Application No. 09/621,890, filed July 20, 2000).

Concerning reference 27, M.P.E.P. § 609 expressly allows entering prior art without the month of publication listed. M.P.E.P. § 609 states that "the year of publication (without the month) will be accepted if the applicant points out in the information disclosure statement that the year of publication is sufficiently earlier than the effective U.S. filing date and any foreign priority date so that the particular month is not in issue." Applicants hereby assert that the year of publication of reference 27 is sufficiently earlier than May 9, 2001, the effective U.S. filing date, so that the particular publication month of this reference is not at issue. Accordingly, please review and enter references 1-30 as prior art.

Respectfully submitted,



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